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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 (copy enclosed), dated December 7, 2006, in the above-identified application, enclosed herewith is the executed Declaration. Applicant claims large entity status under 37 CFR § 1.9.

Please make the Declaration of record in the present application.

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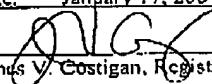


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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

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